

COMETS AND ASTEROIDS: ADVANCES SINCE HALLEY'S COMET

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The 1990s have been blessed with two bright comets, yielding new discoveries about these relics of solar system formation. The population of putative Kuiper Belt Objects continues to increase, and a population of Centaur asteroids is receiving recognition. Meanwhile, other objects that decrease the distinctions between comets and asteroids have been found. This presentation will describe the considerable growth in the understanding of these objects seen in the last decade.